TRAVANCORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

SECOND COUNCIL.

SECOND SESSION, 1101.

(*OFFICIAL REPORT.*)

Monday, the 9th August 1926/25th Karkatakam, 1101.

The Council re-assembled in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at eleven thirty of the clock, V. Subba Aiyar Esquire B. A., B. L., Deputy President, presiding. All except the following members were present:— Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed, Mr. G. Narayana Pillai, Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai, Mr. M. Subrahmanya Pillai and Mr. S. Subrahmanya Karayalar.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Definition of the Terms "Nair" and "Other Hindus".

57. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) who are included in the term 'Nair' occurring in the statements of appointments furnished to the Legislative Council and what are the different sects and sub-sects among the Nairs that are intended to be covered by the term;

(*b*) who are included in the term "Other Hindus"; and

(*c*) whether, in future, the Government will furnish statements containing separate headings for each of the sects and sub-sects included in the terms 'Nair' and 'Other Hindus'?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The term 'Nair' is used in these statements in its ordinary acceptation to include all the sects and sub-sects comprised in the caste 'Nair'. (*Vide* paragraph 172 of the Census Report of 1921.)

(*b*) The term includes all Hindus other than those particularly specified by the Government, *viz.*, (1) Brahmin (Malayala), (2) Brahmin (others), (3) Nadar, (4) Ezhava, (5) Kammala, (6) Kzhatriya (Malayala), (7) Nair, (8) Pulaya, (9) Other depressed classes, and (10) Vellala.

(*c*) The question requires consideration.

Statement, by Castes, of Appointments made in the Medical Department.

58. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a complete list, caste by caste, of all persons appointed permanently in the Medical Department since 1085 M. E.?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As the time and labour involved in the preparation of the list are out of all proportion to its utility, the Government do not propose to call for it.

Improvements to the Dalavapuram and Venjaramud Traces.

59. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the estimates called for for improving the Dalavapuram (Attingal to Varkalai) and Chirayinkil-Venjaramud traces and converting them into roads fit for cart traffic have been received?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No. The estimates are reported to be under preparation.

Elakaman-Chirakkara Road.

60. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that a new road known as "Elakaman-Chirakkara road" has been opened in 1096 by the people of Ayirur in Varkala, at their own expense;

(*b*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the necessity of taking over this road under departmental control and maintenance; and

(*c*) whether this road is now maintained and repaired by the Public Works Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. It is not a road, but only a trace.

(*b*) Yes. But unless the people convert it into a road under the Ryots' Roads Rules, the Government cannot take any action in the matter.

(*c*) No.

Mental Defectives and Criminal Lunatics in the Central Prison.

61. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of mental defectives and recovered criminal lunatics now undergoing incarceration in the Central Prison; and

(*b*) whether arrangements exist for keeping them separate from other convicts?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No mental defectives are at present undergoing incarceration in the Central Prison. But there are two convicted prisoners and one under-trial prisoner who were once inmates of the lunatic asylum.

(*b*) There is no special accommodation for keeping the mental defectives, but, whenever any prisoner shows signs of insanity, he is lodged in a separate cell apart from others.

Moral Instructor, Central Prison.

62. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

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